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MR. *D'Anvers*, in his laſt Paper, has been pleaſed to accuſe me in very high and angry Terms, of writing a *ſtupid and inſolent Libel upon the City of London*, in which he ſays, *not only the four worthy M—rs are marked out in the moſt ſcandalous Colours; but the whole Body of Merchants and Traders are repreſented as a parcel of Knaves, Fools and Madmen, who ought to be ſent to Newgate, or Bedlam*; and after he has in this Manner put his own Senſe upon my Words, and made me ſpeak Things which I never dreamt of, he breaks out in the following Exclamation: *But, for God's Sake, what hath the City done of late, to deſerve ſuch Uſage? Have they raiſed any Diſturbances, or been guilty of any undutiful Behaviour, during his Majeſty's long Abſence, and amidſt the moſt general Want of Trade that was ever felt before in this Metropolis?*

I find Mr. *D'Anvers* is glad to lay hold of any Opportunity to put People in mind that there is ſuch a Paper now publiſh'd as the *Craftſman*; which would be utterly forgot, if he did not now and then contrive ſome ſuch Wile as this, to raiſe the Curioſity of the Publick, and to make his Paper inquired after; a common well-known Artifice among Writers who have out-lived their Reputation, and whoſe Works are daily ſinking into Oblivion.

BUT tho' there may be ſome Policy, yet I will venture to affirm, that there is not a Syllable of Truth in this Charge; that there is nothing Libellous or Scandalous in that Paper againſt which he is endeavouring to raiſe a Clamour, but what he has made himſelf, by his own Application and Miſrepreſentation of it.

FOR in what Page of the Paper does he find any Part, much leſs *the whole Body of Merchants and Traders repreſented as a Parcel of Knaves, Fools and Madmen, who ought to be ſent to Newgate or Bedlam*? Is there any thing like it any where ſaid? Nay, is there any thing that can poſſibly bear ſuch a Conſtruction even inſinuated? I am ſure nothing of that Kind was in my Intentions, and a Man muſt read it backwards, like Mirror, to collect any thing of that Kind from my Expreſſions.

BUT if ſuch a Paper as this is to be conſtrued into an inſolent Abuſe; what are thoſe Papers which have been for many Years, and ſtill continue to be publiſhed in the *Craftſman*? If this is a ſcandalous Libel, what Appellation do the Writings of Mr. *D'Anvers* deſerve? if this is to *abuſe, beſpatter, and call Names*, what have the Authors of the *Craftſman* been doing for ſo long a Courſe of Time? if this is to throw Stink-*Pots*, as he elegantly expreſſes it, what *Stink* Pots has he not thrown, even at the greateſt Perſons, and the moſt *ſacred* Characters in the Nation?

BUT ſurely, of all Men in the World, he ſhould be the laſt to charge others with a Crime of this Nature, who is ſo very obnoxious, and ſo very culpable himſelf: He who has libelled the Conſtitution, the Parliament, the Laws and Government of his Country, and has calumniated and reviled, in the moſt indecent and ſcandalous Manner, in Terms never heard out of Alleys and Fiſh-markets, Magiſtrates and Miniſters of the higheſt Rank and Dignity in the Kingdom; he, whoſe Wit is only Scurrility, and whoſe Satyr calling Names; he, who has a thouſand Times in the Wantonneſs of his Malice, abuſed very innocent and very deſerving Perſons for Perſonal Defects, and chilly Misfortunes.

AND if it becomes him ſo little to complain of Others for writing Libels, ſo, if poſſible, it becomes him ſtill leſs to tax them with *want of Diſcretion*; for if he had not been utterly void of *common Diſcretion* himſelf, he would certainly have been altogether ſilent upon this Head; he would never have reproach'd another with Stupidity and Inſolence, when every Week gives a freſh Proof of his own Stupidity and Inſolence. His dull Libels are now become the Scorn and Reproach of one Party, and the Jeſt and Contempt of the other.

FOR my Part, I have as great a Regard and Honour for the City of *London*, as the Writer of the *Craftſman* can pretend to have. The City of *London* is the Center of Commerce, and as ſuch, diſtributes Wealth and Plenty thro' all Parts of the Kingdom; and therefore without all doubt, deſerves all the Protection and Encouragement from the Government, that is conſiſtent with the Laws of their Country, and the general Good of the Nation; and ſuch Protection and Encouragement they have always met with, ſince the Succeſſion of the Crown in the preſent Royal Family: Indeed in the Reigns before the Revolution, they were treated in a quite different Manner; their Privileges, Franchiſes and Charters were ſeized on by the Hand of Authority, and lay at the Mercy of the Crown; neither their Trade, their Wealth, nor their Grandeur were of any avail to them then; they were deprived even of the Choice of their own Magiſtrates; and a Citizen of *London* was of little more Account and Eſtimation than a Burgher of *Paris*: Nay, one of the Court Writers, Sir *Roger L'Eſtrange*, who was kept in Pay to abuſe them Weekly, was pleaſed to ſay in one of his Obſervators, *That the Scull of a* Citizen *was only fit to try the Temper of a Soldier's Sword upon.* But thoſe Times have been long ſince wore out of Memory; they now bask in the Sunſhine of Liberty, and enjoy all their Rights and Privileges in the utmoſt Extent and the fulleſt Perfection; and they will always continue to do ſo, under the preſent juſt and mild Government, and under a Prince, who like his preſent Majeſty, makes the Happineſs of his Subjects, the Glory of his Reign. It is therefore the Intereſt of the City of *London*, to wiſh for the Continuance and Proſperity of this Adminiſtration, and Government; and as they muſt be allowed to underſtand their own Intereſt extreamly well, I dare ſay much the beſt and wiſeſt Part of them do moſt heartily and ſincerely wiſh ſo; and have a thorough Contempt and Averſion for thoſe that under falſe Pretences of Reformation, and new and wild Notions of Liberty, would deſtroy the preſent Eſtabliſhment, which is their beſt and trueſt Support, and the only firm and ſolid Baſis of Freedom, Wealth and Commerce.

BUT Mr. *D'Anvers* will have it, that I have abuſed and inſulted the City of *London*, and have repreſented the *whole Body of Merchants and Traders, as a Parcel of Knaves, Fools and Madmen, who ought to be ſent to Newgate or Bedlam*; and taking this for granted, tho' without the leaſt Colour or Pretence imaginable for it, he has very gravely entered into a formal Vindication of them againſt the Aſperſions, which he would endeavour to make them believe I have thrown upon them; I am very ſure this is treating of them, as if he himſelf looked upon them to be Fools and Madmen at leaſt, if not Knaves; for whatever Opinion he may have of their Honeſty, he muſt have a very mean one of their Underſtanding, to think he could impoſe upon them by ſo groſs and apparent a Falſhood.

FOR my own Part, I can't ſee any Thing in the Paper which Mr. *D'Anvers* is pleaſed to be ſo extreamly angry at, that is at all ſcandalous or abuſive, even upon any particular Perſon in the City of *London*, much leſs *upon the whole Body of Merchants and Traders*; I am very certain, I can produce many Inſtances out of the *Craftſman*, where Citizens, of at leaſt equal Eminence and Diſtinction with thoſe whoſe Advocate he takes upon himſelf to be, have really been moſt notoriouſly *abuſed, beſpattered*, and pelted with *Stink-Pots* (to uſe his own Terms, which, indeed, upon any other Occaſion, I ſhould be utterly aſhamed to do) and yet nobody ever took it into their Heads, to complain even of that, as an Inſult upon the whole Body of *Traders* and *Merchants*. But indeed, there is ſomething ſo very ridiculous, in his repreſenting the Paper above-mentioned, in the Manner he has done, that I ſhall not be at all ſurpriſed after this, to ſee him complain of the Character of *Fondle-wife*, in the *Old Batchelor*, or the Deſcription of the Lord Mayor's Show in the *Dunciad*, as a ſcandalous Reflection upon the City of *London*, and an Abuſe upon the *whole Body of Merchants and Traders*; and he might certainly do it with equal Senſe and Reaſon: But the Truth is, Mr. *D'Anvers* is become ſo cholerick and touchy of late, that the leaſt thing in the World puts him in a Paſſion; and then every Body knows he is always apt to talk a little beſide himſelf.

BUT whatever Favour he may flatter himſelf he has done the Citizens, in this wiſe Vindication of them, I fancy they will hardly thank him for his Pains; I am firmly convinced, that they have all that *Duty and Loyalty* for his Majeſty, which he ſays they have, and for that very Reaſon, I think they cannot be extreamly well pleaſed, to have it thought, they have made Choice of him for their Advocate, whoſe own *Duty and Loyalty*, have not, upon all Occaſions, been ſo very Conſpicuous; nor can I imagine, that the City of *London* will take it as any kind of Compliment, to be recommended for their *Duty and Loyalty* by him; which is much the ſame Thing, as if a profeſs'd Papiſt, and a Miniſter for the Pretender, ſhould take upon him to recommend a Man for being a good Proteſtant, and a Friend to the *Hanover Succeſſion*.

BUT Mr. *D'Anvers* is pleaſed to ask, *What the City has done* of late *to deſerve ſuch Uſage? Have they raiſed any Diſturbances, or been guilty of any undutiful Behaviour?*

I am ſure I have not charged the City with having ever deſerved *any ill Uſage*; I have not ſo much as inſinuated, that they have ever, at any Time, *raiſed any Diſturbances, or been guilty of any undutiful Behaviour*: But it ſeems, Mr. *D'Anvers* thinks, that tho' they are ſo very quiet and dutiful, they have not *always been ſo*; according to him, it is only *of late*, that they have deſerved any good Uſage; that it is only *of late*, that they have not raiſed *any Diſturbances, or been guilty of any undutiful Behaviour*; if I had hinted at any Thing like this, how ſhould I have been treated? *Hireling, Libeller, Tool of a Party*, and ſuch kind of Names, the uſual Flowers of the *Craftſman*, would have been very plentifully beſtowed upon me; what then muſt they think of one that pretends to be their Friend and Advocate, for talking at this Rate? Muſt not they think, that he either banters and abuſes them, or is void of *common Diſcretion*.

Edinburgh, Jan. 20. The Lord Provoſt, Magiſtrates and Council, having, by an Act of the 20th of October laſt, appointed a Scrutiny to be made by the Dean of Guild, Deacons of the reſpective incorporate Trades, and Bailles of the Baronies and Regalities within their Juriſdiction concerning the Perſons Servants or Apprentices, that have abſconded from their Maſters Service on or ſince the ſeventh of September laſt, as being juſtly ſuſpected of the Riot and Inſurrection, and barbarous Murder of Captain Porteous that Day; and ſuch Liſts being now given in, we hear another Act of Council will ſoon be publiſhed, warning all ſuch Perſons ſo abſconding, to preſent themſelves before the Magiſtrates within a limited Time, in order to juſtify themſelves from the ſaid Imputation, under the Penalty of being diſabled from obtaining the Freedom, or being allowed to ſerve within the City or Liberties, &c.

This Morning, on the joyful News of his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival, the great Guns were fired from the Caſtle, which have been kept charg'd ever ſince his Majeſty was on the Road from Hanover. At Noon the Magiſtrates met, to expreſs their Joy, in the Council Chamber. In the Evening there will be Rejoicings all over the City.

LONDON.

The write from Briſtol, that on Monday laſt Robert Earle, Eſq; Alderman, and Brother to Col. Earle, the late Repreſentative of the ſaid City in Parliament, departed this Life, poſſeſs'd of a very great Eſtate, the Bulk of which we hear comes to Mr. Harry Benſon, the Son of William Benſon, Eſq; one of the Honourable Auditors of the Impreſt, whoſe former Lady was the Daughter of the deceaſe Colonel Earle.

They write from Northampton, that Thurſday la being the Birth-day of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, the 3 Troops of the Regiment of Hor commanded by Lieutenant General Evans, quarter' there, were drawn upon the Market Hill, and fir' four Vollies in Honour of the Day.

And from Glouceſter, that on Monday when th News came there of his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival St. James's, the Morning was uſher'd in with ringin of Bells, beating of Drums, &c. and the Evenin concluded with Bonfires and other Demonſtrations Joy.

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Next Day Gabriel Hanger, Esq; was married at Glouceſter Cathedral to Miſs Bond, an agreeable young Lady, and an Heireſs of a very conſiderable Fortune; and that they afterwards went to his Seat at Driffield near Cirencester.

Thurſday laſt being the Prince of Wales's Birth-day, the ſame was obſerved there with the uſual Demonſtrations of Joy.

Yeſterday the Court of Common Pleas granted a new Trial in the great Cauſe long depending between Sir John Worden, Bart. and Mr. Allers, Sugar Baker, for exceſſive Damages, in an Action of Covenant, for altering the Plaintiffs Houſe into that of a Sugar-Baker's, in Durham Yard in the Strand. The Jury upon the Trial, gave Sir John 150l. Damages.

Yeſterday the Commiſſioners of Exciſe convicted ſeveral Perſons in the Penalty of 100l. each, for Retailing ſpirituous Liquors contrary to the late Act.

The ſame Day ſeveral Priſoners confined for Debt in the Fleet Priſon, were diſcharged in the Court of Common Pleas, upon delivering up their Effects purſuant to the late Act.

Yeſterday came on before the Court of Common Pleas, a Motion in favour of George Mackenzie, Eſq; who is in Cuſtody of the Warden of the Fleet for upwards of 1500l. at the Suit of Charles Chriſtopher de Vault, that he might be diſcharged on entering a common Appearance. The Caſe was thus; Mr. Mackenzie inſtituted a Suit for a malicious and ſcandalous Proſecution againſt him in the Court of the Bailiff of Meudon in France, in which Cauſe the Bailiff gave Sentence for the Plaintiff Mr. de Vault, and condemn'd Mr. Mackenzie to pay Twenty Thouſand Livres as Coſts; from which Sentence Mr. Mackenzie appealed to the Parliament of Paris, who Reverſed the Decree before given; but the Plaintiff notwithſtanding, has brought his Action againſt Mr. Mackenzie on the ſaid Judgment, and held him to Bail for the abovesaid Sum; and the Court after hearing many learned Arguments, reading ſeveral Affidavits, and citing many Caſes, were pleaſed to direct the Plaintiff to ſhew Cauſe why a common Appearance ſhould not be accepted for the Defendent.

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